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line 4, delete "pieces";

line 4, delete "to constitute a unitary
assembly".

Claim 14, line 3, replace "constitute" with --form--.

Claim 22, line 16, prior to "said plug" insert --said
material of--.

REMARKS

This Amendment is being submitted in response to the Official Action dated June 30, 1993. In accordance with the election made in the Response filed on May 10, 1993, claims 1-5, 8-10, 12-14 and 22-23 are still being considered in connection with the above-identified application*. In the Official Action, each of the claims still being considered in the above-identified Action has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by the check valve disclosed in Kilmarx United States Patent No. 3,352,531. Claims 1, 3, 10 and 12 were further rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by the bloodless catheter disclosed in Bonaldo United States Patent No. 5,154,703. As is discussed in more detail below and contrary to what the Examiner has maintained in the Official Action, neither

*On page 1 of the Official Action in part II, paragraph 4, it is believed that a clerical error was made in specifying that claims 21-22 were rejected. As is confirmed in other portions of the Official Action, claims 22-23 should have been referenced.